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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3157

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 2751

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, OECD, AS

SUBJ: OECD CURRENT ACCOUNTS STANDSTILL

REF: (A) STATE 092576

(B) STATE 092553

1. THIS IS INTERIM RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A). GOA HAS PROMISED EMBASSY FURTHER COMMENT ON AUSTRALIAN THINKING MAY 9 WHICH EMBASSY WILL REPORT IN SUBSEQUENT TEL.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED MATTER BRIEFLY MAY 7, IN COURSE OF VISIT ON OTHER TOPIC, WITH MCKAY, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE. SUBSEQUENT MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION WAS HELD MAY 8 WITH FOGARTY, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE. AT THIS POINT GOA POSITION ON EXPORT PROVISIONS OF STANDSTILL, INCLUDING BOTH THOSE RESPECTING EXPORT STIMULATION AND THOSE RESPECTING EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AMONG DEPARTMENTS. AS A MINIMUM, AUSTRALIA WILL WISH DRAFT DECLARATION TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
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AGREEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS REFER ONLY TO SPECIAL

MEASURES WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE BE TAKEN BECAUSE
OF SPECIAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM AND DO NOT
IN ANY WAY LIMIT MEASURES WHICH MIGHT HAVE, AND MAY BE,
TAKEN IN NORMAL COURSE.

3. FOGARTY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF POLICY
HIATUS CREATED BY CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN, WHATEVER
DECISIONS MAY BE REACHED WILL BE AT SENIOR OFFICIAL
LEVEL WITHOUT MINISTERIAL REVIEW. FOR THIS REASON
ANY AUSTRALIAN POSITION FOR MAY 10 OECD MEETING
WOULD BE AD REFERENDUM PENDING FINAL MINISTERIAL
DECISION AFTER MAY 18 ELECTION.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER MAY 9.
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